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NSW DUEL

The weekly yo-yo contest between Olympic and Melita continues in the NSW State League.

Melita's shock loss and Olympic's narrow win have once again changed the top positions. — Full match stories page 3.

RETURN FROM LIMBO

Hailed as a shining star, John Kosmina has lately become a fading comet.

Has he lost form or interest — or will he bounce back into Socceroo calculations? — Story page 5.

UP FOR THE CUP

The PSL takes a break over the weekend — with one Victorian exception — and attention switches to the second round of the Philips Cup.

Will there be a giant-killer or will the favorites win their way through to the quarterfinals — story on page 6.

YOUR 'ROOS

The often quiet, at times apathetic soccer public has come to life to express its views on the presence and future of the Socceroos.

Should we field only local boys? Should Gutendorf opt for youth? — See page 7.

AVE CESAR

The current high apostle of international soccer is Argentina's Luis Cesar Menotti.

He outlines his soccer philosophy, his likes and dislikes in a special interview — on page 8.

AROK TO 'HELP' BLANCO

St.Francis the Saviour will arrive on Saturday from Yugoslavia hoping to rescue the ailing St.George from the jaws of the dragon.

— Andrew Dettre —

The kindly saint is former St.George supremo Frank Arok who comes for a "few weeks' visit."

Frank Arok: a third coming?

St.George officials say Arok comes in a private capacity and may offer help and advice to coach Haul Blanco.

However, it's not too difficult to guess that Arok will take command, if not in name than in fact.

It seems that Blanco's days with the Saints are numbered.

He has already been told by the club that he wouldn't be re-engaged for 1981 if the team went down.

It's odds on that he will not be kept even if the team is saved.

He took over last year, after the 8th round, from Joe Gelei and the team avoided relegation in the very last match of the season.

This year he cleared out most of last year's team, brought in some 10 new players — and yet the team is still last, having lost 11 of their 16 matches.

Two stints

Arok, during his two stints with St.George in 1969-70 and in 1972, became a living club legend.

In his last year he won almost all available honors with his team.

His last team had such stars as Warren, Schaefer, Williams, Hogg, Hamilton, Abonyi, Utjesenovic, Harris and Alston.

No doubt it will be a deep cultural shock for him to see today's team, against Blacktown on Sunday.

One reason for his visit is to negotiate a possible contract for 1981-82 with St.George.

And should Arok be willing to return to Sydney in 1981, St.George are absolutely certain to grab him with both hands and both feet, too.

At present he lives in Novisad, Yugoslavia where he is involved in a number of activities.

He is coaching the second division club Novisad, writes for a daily newspaper and is an executive of the Yugoslav Coaches' Association.

Can there be anything lonelier in the world than a goalie with the ball in the net behind him? St.George's talented Mike Fraser's looks answer in the negative.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

	AGGREGATE P	W	D	L	F	A	±	P	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	P	AWAY P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 (2) SYDNEY CITY	15	11	1	3	32	14	+18	23	8	6	1	1	20	8	13	7	5	—	2	12	6	10
2 (1) HEIDELBERG	14	9	3	2	33	13	+20	21	6	6	—	—	23	8	12	8	3	3	2	10	5	8
3 (6) MARCONI	15	7	4	4	29	19	+10	18	7	4	3	—	20	5	11	8	3	1	4	9	14	7
4 (3) ADELAIDE CITY	16	8	2	6	24	17	+ 7	18	8	5	2	1	11	4	12	8	3	—	5	13	13	6
5 (4) SOUTH MELBOURNE	14	8	2	4	20	13	+ 7	18	7	4	2	1	10	6	10	7	4	—	3	10	7	8
6 (5) BRISBANE LIONS	15	6	6	3	21	17	+ 4	18	6	4	1	1	8	4	8	9	2	5	2	13	13	9
7 (7) CANBERRA	16	7	3	6	25	17	+ 8	17	9	3	2	4	12	12	8	7	4	1	2	13	4	9
8 (8) FOOTSCRAY	15	5	4	6	24	25	− 1	14	8	4	1	3	16	12	9	7	1	3	3	8	13	5
9 (9) NEWCASTLE	15	5	3	7	14	21	− 7	13	7	3	1	3	6	9	7	8	2	2	4	8	12	6
10(10 WEST ADELAIDE	16	5	2	9	17	30	−13	12	8	5	2	1	10	6	12	8	—	—	8	7	24	—
11(11) BLACKTOWN	16	5	2	9	25	39	−14	12	8	4	1	3	18	13	9	8	1	1	6	7	26	3
12(13) BRISBANE CITY	16	3	5	8	12	22	−10	11	9	3	2	4	8	9	8	7	—	3	4	4	13	3
13(12) LEICHHARDT	15	4	2	9	13	23	−10	10	8	4	2	2	10	11	10	7	—	—	7	3	12	—
14(14) ST.GEORGE	16	4	1	11	20	40	−20	9	8	2	—	6	9	21	4	8	2	1	5	11	19	5

SCHOOL TEAM

The Independent School soccer side has been selected to play on the 2nd, 9th and 23rd July. Their opponents will be Combined Associated Schools, Combined High Schools and Combined Catholic Colleges.

From these three matches a Combined Independent Schools side will be selected.

These boys in turn may have a chance in competing in the National Schoolboy championships being held later this year.

Boys were selected from three schools: Kings, St. Patricks and Newington.

The squad, which will be cut down to 15 players:

J. Johnson, M. Battehan, D. McCredie, C. Birt, C. Hulme (Kings), J. Piccoli, D. Sheehan, M. Doria, D. Morgan, J. Morgan, G. Standen, P. Erskine, J. White (St. Patricks, Strathfield), D. Watt, J. Georgiadis, R. Stoddart, D. Cohen, G. Long (Newington).

Coach is G. Ankudinoff, manager, G. Williams.

2 TO 6

Conducted by Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna

BAULKHAM HILLS *(2nd div.) recorded their second home win for the season with a convincing 4-0 against Queens Park. The win was rewarding for coach, George McCulloch who, throughout the season, has tried to give youth every chance in first grade. For this game seven players were under 21. After 10 minutes a cross gave Benny Fothering the chance to slot the ball past the 'keeper. Soon after Bruno Fiore took a penalty which bounced off the goalie, back to Bruno who made no mistake. After the start of the second half Baulkham Hills appeared to lose control in centre field and Queens Park applied pressure. However, a through-ball to speedster Steve Davidson enabled him to beat the fullback and goalie for goal number three. Another through-ball gave "Davo" the chance to chase, beat the defence to the ball and chip a very difficult angled shot over the goalie for a great goal. A back-to-form 'Baulko' second grade side gave an impressive performance to win 3-0 with goals from Vic Picking, Marty Roper and Craig Binning.*

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WINSTON HILLS *(5th div.) playing Haberfield last Saturday, found the windy conditions made football very difficult. Winston Hills turned round with a 1-0 lead thanks to a superb freekick by Jim Geppert. In the second half Hills remained on top but a defensive lapse shortly before fulltime allowed Haberfield to equalise. Next day, Winston Hills played some constructive football against the wind to lead 2-0 at halftime against Pagewood. Despite goals scored from penalties by Pagewood, Hills ran out comfortable 4-2 winners. Goals came from Geppert, Watkin, Ings and Petr Mamo. Over the two games best players for Winston Hills were Jim Geppert, Ray McFarlane and Phillip Pilkington.*

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GUILDFORD COUNTY *(2nd div.) had to face a "new" Marrickville team at Mackey Park last Sunday and what a team they were: fine ball players and able to run for 90 minutes. The first half saw neither side able to find the back of the net with several chances missed by both teams. Two minutes into the second half Guildford's Martin Hoare scored a great goal from an acute angle. Marrickville came back with a tremendous goal five minutes later with a good solo run to cut the ball back to a Marrickville forward who chested it down, turned and hit. Midway through the second half, Marrickville had a chance to go 2-1 up and only a good save by Gerry Duggan denied then this goal. The last 10 minutes saw Guildford apply more pressure with several chances going begging when three minutes from the end Tony Glass got a Paul Thomas corner right on the sweet spot to hit the back of the net for a 2-1 win. All three grades were played hard and very clean and it seems that Marrickville will not be lingering at the bottom of the ladder for too long with the talent that they have acquired.*

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MAROUBRA *(4th div.) went down 0-1 to Eastwood in an even game that could have gone to either side. Maroubra came close to scoring many times, once hitting the post and later the bar. Towards the end however, Eastwood pushed forward and forced Maroubra to concede four corner in two minutes, the last one producing a goal with 30 seconds to go. Graham Waterhouse took the corner and Gary Simpson, standing in the goalmouth, headed the ball in for two valuable points.*

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PORT HACKING *(3rd div.) were unlucky to go down 1-3 against Bondi, in terribly windy conditions. Bondi were in the game early and within 20 minutes were 2-0 up with goals from Terry Hales and the inside left Soren Hansen. In the second half Port Hacking pulled one goal back after Graham Esther managed to score from a scramble in the penalty area. Port Hacking kept fighting hard for a draw but finally, with one minute to go, Bondi were 3-1 winners. The last goal came from a move by Soren Hansen who beat two defenders before passing the ball to John Garnett to put it home.*

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LIVERPOOL ALBIONS *(3rd div.) played two games last weekend and finished winning all points in both grades. Against North Ryde they were down 1-2 with 10 minutes to go then turned the tables by scoring two quick goals to finish 3-2 North Ryde had better possession but their finishing was poor. The first goal came when Andy Everett scored for Liverpool but Bill Conway came out of a scramble in the goalmouth to score the equaliser. A few minutes later in a breakaway run Conway passed to David Bowman who chipped it over the advancing goalie. In the second half Brian DeCelis equalised and Liverpool were ready to push for a win. It came in the last minute when Andy Everett scored again. On Sunday Liverpool entertained Sydney Uni and beat them 4-1. The only goal for Uni. came from the penalty spot 10 minutes before the final whistle. For Albions, Steve Bowers lobbed the ball over the goalie to make it 1-0. After the interval three more goals were scored, all coming from close range helped by one or two slips by the goalkeeper. Vlad Knaus scored two, one being a header and Brian Jerrison pushed a loose ball to net his goal.*

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WEST ST.GEORGE *(5th div.) dominated all but the opening 10 minutes of their match against Auburn Jun. when Bruce Cuneo made some fine saves against a very strong wind. Some 30 minutes into the second half the first goal came with a 30-metre drive from defender Frank Hall. This was followed 10 minutes later with a good goal from Bill Feros. Outstanding players were defender Frank Hall and forward Steve King. Reserve grade scored a fine 5-1 win with two goals from old-timer Ray Cush, one from Brett Plumridge and one from Gary Gibson and finally a penalty from Ross Rooke.*

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HAWKESBURY *(6th div.) gaining four points from the weekend matches, are now leading the 6th division competition, losing only one match to date this season. On Saturday they won against Liverpool Rangers 2-0, and Sunday 3-1 against Blacktown Wanderers. Coach Duncan Wilson has played a large part in both teams' performances this season, with first grade captain Dave McMillan being a most consistent player and an example for his team while Vic Papadimitriou has been an outstanding forward. The young reserve grade have benefited from the experience of Lloyd Jones. Regular defender Lionel Freen, who had played in every first grade match since the club's inception five years ago unfortunately has been forced to retire due to injury, a great loss to the club. In their match against Blacktown Wanderers last Sunday, with about 600 spectators present, Hawkesbury proved too strong for their opponents. Goals for Hawkesbury came in the 5th and 9th minutes by Steve Cressey. Blacktown fought back in the second half to score but in the 69th minute Vic Papadimitriou sealed the match for Hawkesbury.*

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BONNYRIGG EAGLES *(3rd div.) played Sydney Uni. at St.Johns Park winning 3-2 after having led 3-0 at halftime. The windy conditions affected the standard of the game and also contributed to most goals scored. Twelve minutes after kick-off Romei Benyamen won the ball in midfield and passed three defenders to score high above the reach of the goalkeeper. A few minutes later the ball was nicely set for Ahmet Sevgi to powerfully score from 30 metres. Sargon Jammo the right winger for Bonnyrigg received the ball after a wall-pass beat a defender and promptly hit the target. After the interval the Uni players came out with more determination and almost pulled a point back. The first goal for Uni. came when Peter Salapatas headed in a long volley from the left. Peter Salapatas went on again to score from a scramble in the penalty area. A few minutes before the final whistle Uni. were unlucky when the ball hit the upright, rebounding into play.*

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YAGOONA *(2nd div.) gained all six points in their fixture against Lane Cove in extremely difficult windy conditions. The first grade got off to a surprising start with Lane Cove scoring in the first couple of minutes. The game was then end to end stuff with both sides having scoring chances. Yagoona were next to score with Barry Wileman getting a fine goal after receiving a good through-ball from Russell Haggett. After the restart with the sides still tied at 1-1 the game settled into much the same pattern as the first half. Lane Cove had a good chance when a shot from John Bykerk from the edge of the box hit the crossbar and was cleared. Just as the game seemed to be heading towards a draw the Yagoona sweeper, Norm Boardman joined in the attack and scored a good goal to give Yagoona a 2-1 result. In the second grade Yagoona finally scored the goals they have been threatening to in the last few weeks, and ran out 4-1 winners. Goals were scored by Greg Neal, Wayne Stirling, Dave Thompson and Paul Kleiner with Lane Cove replying with a penalty. In the Yagoona third grade goals were scored by Bill Todorovski and Joe Guida.*

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PADSTOW PARK *(4th div.) again scored a good win playing away and defeating Canley Heights 4-1. Michael Farrel, the scorer of four goals against West Holroyd last week, scored two more against Heights, bringing his tally for the season to 14. The other two goals for Padstow were scored by John Sookee. The game was played at low key. With two minutes to go Canley Heights were successful in putting one in the net.*

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A unique coincidence? Fourth Division first and reserve grade positions are identical from the top of the tables to the bottom!

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Westfield

FIRST DIVISION

— By Charles Spiteri —

Last year's champions St.George climbed to the top of the table following their win over Blacktown United and the downfall of leaders Bathurst in the hands of Leichhardt.

In one of the tightest competitions for many years, there are only three points separating the first nine teams on the table.

Fielding completely different teams Leichhardt, with the aid of PSL players, managed to beat Bathurst on Saturday, yet with an ordinary team could only draw against bottom of the table Warringah.

Behind St.George on equal points is Blacktown City who, also with the aid of several PSL players, scored a convincing 5-0 victory over Yugal.

High winds effected the University-Warringah game and the students just managed to get the points from a first half goal by John Sackett.

Yugal, who during the week signed Tom Mihajlovic and David Travini from St.George, managed to get a point against Sydney City.

Polonia beat neighbours Penrith with an only goal from Bogdan Wisniewski in another wind effected game.

Wollongong was unlucky not to get both points against Marconi in a game they completely dominated and led until Marconi scored in injury time.

Wollongong has lost only one game in their last nine, yet they are not scoring enough goals even if their game is quite consistent.

PENRITH v POLONIA 0-1

Penrith: unavailable.
Polonia: Greenfield, McGrath, Svigelj, Hardy, Harris, Wisniewski, Lemanczyk, Crowthers, Sookee, R. Budini, A. Budini. **Coach:** S. Wozniczka.
Goals: Wisniewski.

UNI OF NSW v WARRINGAH 1-0

Uni of NSW: Galen, Wren, V. Popovich, T. Popovich, Erhardt, Harris, Tomasich, Kay, Kelly, Benecke, Sackett. **Coach:** R. Harbour.
Warringah: Robins, Collins, Carpenter, Rice, Van der Saag, Euers, Duncan, Scott, Sandtner, Fidra, Sturgess. **Coach:** L. Napta.
Goals: Sackett.

LEICHHARDT v BATHURST 1-0

Leichhardt: Hoare, McKie, McAusland, Butler (Morsello), Casachia, Watt, Coyne, Drews, Savidis, Samuels, Gray. **Coach:** C. Van Blerk.
Bathurst: Coles, Lipoldidevin, Barlow, G. Hadley, G. Pickup, P. Hadley, A. Pickup, Dwyer, Judge, Lamberton, Theobold. **Coach:** J. Judge.
Goals: Morsello.

SYDNEY CITY v REVESBY 1-1

Sydney City: Berry, Sorge (McGrouther), Fonesca, Woods, Webber, Patikas, C. Spanos, Svynos, Borges, Lee, Henry. **Coach:** D. Hoggart.
Revesby: J. Cabone, Adams (Musgrave), Hargreaves, T. Cabone, Pittman, Larkins, Butler, Mitford (Parkinson), Mackin, McGovern, Morrow. **Coach:** L. Dobbin.
Goals: Lee; Butler.

BLACKTOWN UNITED v ST.GEORGE 0-2

Blacktown United: Rentkovetsky, Sutton (Taylor), Eldridge, Ber, Hannish, Burtenshaw, Crone, Clarke (Svarc) De Valle, Murrav,Milakovic. **Coach:** D. Zeman.
St.George: Wotton, Ververis, Johnson (Townsend), Scharfegger, Holmik, Kay, Groome, Davies, Dredge, Beggs, Morlando (Fraser). **Coach:** T. Zuckerman.
Goals: Beggs, Dredge.

SYDNEY CITY v YUGAL 1-1

Sydney City: Berry, Sorge, Stead (Fonesca), Woods, Svynos, Patikas, C. Spanos, Silva, Henry, Smith (Lee), Borges. **Coach:** D. Hoggart.
Yugal: Kostidis, Cabreira, Radivojavic, Grubic, Clarke, Novakovic, Todorovski (M. Alagich), Mihajlovic (Cummings), Travini, Rodas, Tanoski. **Coach:** I. Takac.
Goals: Spanos; Travini.

LEICHHARDT v WARRINGAH 0-0

Leichhardt: Burnett, Brown, Da Costa, Gray, Casachia, Watt, Gaitatzis, Triantafyllou, Savidis, Morsello, Ferone (McKie). **Coach:** C. Van Blerk.
Warringah: Robins, Collins, Carpenter, Rice, Wan der Saag, Euers, Duncan, Scott, Sandtner, Fidra (Griffiths), S. Beverley. **Coach:** L. Napta.

BLACKTOWN CITY v YUGAL 5-0

Blacktown City: James, Harris, Cuk, B. Campbell, D. Campbell, Hormazabel (Dolton), Ortega, Selvage, Fisher, Izatt (Wilkinson), Pollard. **Coach:** A. Edmondson.
Yugal: Kostidis, Cabreira, Radivojevic (Cummings), Grubic, Clarke, Novakovic, Todorovski (M. Alagich), Mihailovic, Travini, Rodas, Tanoski. **Coach:** I. Takac.
Goals: Cabreira (og), Pollard 2, Wilkinson, Fisher.

WOLLONGONG v MARCONI 1-1

Wollongong: Vardereff, Montecchi, Campbell, Talevski, Traikovski, H. Sattin, R. Sattin (Petkovski), Bingham, Dafkovski, Fontana (Trziovski), Giraldi. **Coach:** M. Johnson.
Marconi: Veneri, Swain, Colderan, Masonwells (parker), Morson, Dulisse, Colusso, Stark, Kelly, Scheinflug, Polzot. **Coach:** L. Nesti.
Goals: Campbell, Scheinflug.

Last week

STATE LEAGUE

	I	II	III
Inter Monaro v Arncliffe	6-2	2-1	—
Syd.Olympic v Kuringai	1-0	0-1	1-4
Avala v Nth.Sydney	1-0	3-1	2-1
Sutherland v Cant.M'ville	0-0	0-1	2-0
Croatia v Bankstown	0-1	0-0	0-3
Manly v Parramatta	2-3	1-2	3-0
Melita v Auburn	0-3	0-2	0-1

DIVISION 1

Leichhardt v Bathurst	1-0	4-3	3-0
Uni of NSW v Warringah	1-0	1-0	1-3
Sydney City v Yugal	1-1	3-0	4-0
Sydney City v Revesby	1-1	1-0	1-1
Penrith v Polonia	0-1	2-1	3-2
Blacktown City v Yugal	5-0	2-0	5-0
Wollongong v Marconi	1-1	2-0	1-1
Blacktown Utd. v St.Geo.	0-2	0-3	1-2
Leichhardt v Warringah	0-0	3-1	1-0

DIVISION 2

Baulk.Hills v Queens Pk.	4-0	4-0	1-1
Dee Why v Lethbridge	0-2	1-2	1-0
Glad.Ravens v Glad.Horn	2-1	5-1	0-3
Marr'ville v Guildford	1-2	1-1	1-2
Yagoona v Lane Cove	2-1	4-1	2-1
Camp'town v Nth.Bankst	0-2	1-0	0-4

DIVISION 3

Bonnyrigg v Sydney Uni	3-2	3-0	
Pt.Hacking v Bondi	1-3	2-1	
Nth.Ryde v L'pool Alb.	2-3	0-2	
West Ryde v Artarmon	1-2	0-2	
Kingsford v Hurstville	2-1	2-0	
Wenty v Riverstone	4-0	0-3	
L'pool Alb. v Sydney Uni	4-1	2-0	

DIVISION 4

Revesby v Chelsea	—	8-2	
Maroubra v Eastwood	0-1	2-2	
Fairfield v East.Creek	0-0	1-4	
Canley Hts. v Padstow P.	1-4	1-3	
West Holroyd v Padding.	2-0	2-1	

DIVISION 5

Concordia v Camden	0-2	2-6
Haberfield v Winst.Hills	1-1	1-2
Nth.Rocks v Mac.Uni	2-1	4-1
Macq.Uni v Edensor Pk.	2-2	3-1
Winst.Hills v Pagewood	4-2	6-0
W.St.Geo. v Auburn Jnrs.	2-0	5-1
Fairfield W.v Syd.Macc.	1-1	0-0
Haberfield v Nth.Rocks	2-2	3-5

DIVISION 6

Sth.Sydney v L'pool C.	1-1	0-2
Hawkesbury v L'pool Rgr	2-0	3-1
Hawkesbury v Blacktown	3-1	1-1
L'pool Rang.v Mt.Pritch.	0-0	1-2
Glenquarrie v Chullora	0-0	1-1
Green Vall.v L'pool Utd.	4-1	2-1
Moorebank v Bankstown	3-0	3-2

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE REPORT

WESTERN	14s	15s	16s
Nepean v Blackt.City	1-2	2-0	0-2
West.NSW v Baulk.H	Did not		play
Marconi v Melita	4-2	0-2	0-0
Polonia v Gladesville	1-2	0-8	1-0
Blackt.Ass.v Auburn	1-2	0-4	1-3
Sth.Dist.v Blackt.Utd	2-0	7-0	1-2
Gladesville v Auburn	1-0	1-3	0-2
Polonia v Black.City	0-6	2-2	1-5
Blackt.Ass.v Baulk.H	1-4	3-1	1-0

EASTERN			
Cant'bury v Syd.City	5-0	2-2	1-4
APIA v St.George	1-1	2-0	1-1
Olympic v Suth'land	0-5	0-4	2-2
Cent.Cst.v Illawarra	0-1	0-6	0-0
Arncliffe v Kuringai	2-0	0-3	0-1
Bankstown v Manly	3-1	3-0	0-0
APIA v Sydney City	3-1	0-3	0-3
Olympic v St.George	0-5	0-2	1-2
Cent.Cst.v Suth'land	1-2	1-5	1-1
Arncliffe v Cant'bury	0-0	0-2	2-0
Bankst'n v Kuringai	3-0	2-1	4-0
Manly v Sth. & East	1-1	3-1	0-1

STANDINGS:

West — Under-14s: Blacktown City 33, Marconi 30, Nepean 26, Gladesville 26, South. Dist. 20, Baulkham Hills 16, Auburn 15, Melita 13, Polonia 9, West. NSW 8, Blacktown Utd. 8, Blacktown Assoc. 5 pts. **— Under-15s:** Gladesville 33, Auburn 32, Nepean 30, Melita 25, South.Dist. 23, Blacktown Utd. 17, Blacktown City 14, Baulkham Hills 11, Blacktown Assoc. 10, Marconi 6, Polonia 6, West. NSW 1 pt. **— Under-16s:** Marconi 33, Auburn 31, Blacktown City 23, Melita 20, West. NSW 18, Gladesville 16, Baulkham Hills 14, Polonia 14, Nepean 13, South.Dist. 10, Blacktown Utd. 8, Blacktown Assoc. 6 pts.

East — Under-14s: St.George 37, Sutherland 36, Illawarra 34, APIA 27, Bankstown 25, South & East 24, Manly 20, Canterbury 20, Arncliffe 19, Central Coast 17, Kuringai 11, Sydney City 6, Olympic 4 pts. **— Under-15s:** St.George 34, Sutherland 34, Canterbury 32, Bankstown 29, Sydney City 28, Illawarra 27, APIA 23, Kuringai 21, South & East 15, Arncliffe 11, Central Coast 10, Olympic 8, Manly 8 pts. **— Under-16s:** Sydney City 34, St.George 33, Bankstown 28, Illawarra 27, Sutherland 27, Kuringai 21, South & East 21, Manly 19, APIA 18, Olympic 18, Arncliffe 17, Canterbury 11, Central Coast 8 pts.

WESTERN DIVISION

ROUND 19, JULY 5

Polonia	v	Southern District	Saturday, Chopin
Melita	v	Gladesville	Saturday, Epping
Baulkham Hills	v	Marconi	Saturday, Ted Horwood
Blacktown City	v	Western NSW	Saturday, B.O.D. No. 2
Auburn	v	Nepean	Saturday, Mona Park
Blacktown United	v	Blacktown Assoc.	Saturday, Marayong.

EASTERN DIVISION

ROUND 22, JULY 6

Sydney City	v	Sydney Olympic	Saturday, Pratten Park
St.George	v	Central Coast	Saturday, Carss Park
Illwarra	v	Sutherland	Saturday, Bates Drive
Arncliffe Scot	v	APIA	Saturday, Lambert
Bankstown	v	Canterbury	Saturday, Bankstown S/C
Southern Eastern	v	Ku-ring-gai	Saturday, Jellicoe
Manly	:	Bye	

NSW DRAW

DIV. 2-6

DIVISION 2

Queens Park E/S v Gladesville Ravens, Sat., Erskineville Oval; Gladesville Hornsby v North Bankstown, Sun., Morrison Bay; Guildford County v Baulkham Hills, Sun., Guildford Park; Lethbridge Rangers v Marrickville, Sat., Popondetta Park; Lane Cove v Dee Why, Sun., Pottery Green; Yagoona v Campbelltown, Sun., O'Neill Park.

DIVISION 3

Hurstville

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Manly	2	2	10	15	26	6

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Olympic	5	3	6	20	15	13
Arncliffe	4	4	5	17	18	12
Bankstown	5	2	6	12	27	12
Parramatta	3	3	8	14	22	9
Manly	3	3	8	8	18	9
Monaro	2	3	8	11	27	7
Nth. Sydney	2	1	10	11	31	5

GRADE 3

Auburn	10	4	—	28	6	24
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Bankstown	6	5	1	21	12	17
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Manly	4	2	7	17	21	10
Parramatta	2	4	6	13	28	8
Croatia	1	3	7	19	32	5
Nth. Sydney	1	2	10	11	32	4
Avala	1	1	12	12	39	3

DIVISION 1

GRADE 1

St.George	9	3	3	42	20	21
Blacktown City	8	5	2	30	13	21
Marconi	8	4	2	35	16	20
Uni NSW	8	4	3	26	13	20
Polonia	8	4	4	37	24	20
Bathurst	8	4	4	29	18	20
Revesby	7	6	4	29	33	20
Leichhardt	7	4	4	32	21	18
Wollongong	6	6	3	23	14	18
Sydney City	4	5	7	32	30	13
Belmore	4	2	7	18	31	10
Blacktown Utd.	3	3	9	11	26	9
Penrith	3	3	9	15	34	9
Yugal	1	7	8	12	33	9
Warringah	—	2	15	8	48	2

GRADE 2

Sydney City	12	3	1	50	11	27
St.George	11	4	1	41	12	26
Leichhardt	9	3	3	31	14	21
Wollongong	9	2	4	37	22	20
Revesby	8	4	5	33	23	20
Blacktown City	8	3	4	33	23	19
Warringah	6	5	6	22	24	17
Uni NSW	7	1	8	15	29	15
Blacktown Utd.	6	2	6	15	15	14
Penrith	6	2	7	16	20	14
Polonia	4	4	6	16	26	12
Bathurst	2	3	11	14	39	7
Yugal	1	4	10	10	36	6
Marconi	2	1	11	12	23	5
Belmore	2	—	11	11	37	4

GRADE 3

St.George	13	1	2	90	14	27
Sydney City	12	3	1	56	13	27
Leichhardt	10	4	1	29	9	24
Blacktown City	9	3	3	40	17	21
Marconi	8	4	3	42	16	20
Belmore	7	3	3	20	10	17
Blacktown Utd.	6	3	5	23	26	15
Revesby	5	5	7	31	40	15
Polonia	6	1	7	27	27	13
Penrith	6	3	7	25	36	13
Wollongong	4	2	8	23	26	10
Yugal	3	2	10	17	63	8
Warringah	3	1	12	19	37	7
Uni NSW	3	1	12	19	61	7
Bathurst	1	1	14	12	77	3

DIVISION 2

GRADE 1

Guildford	10	2	1	31	10	22
Nth. Bankstown	8	3	1	33	13	19
Yagoona	8	2	3	19	15	18
Campbelltown	6	4	2	16	10	16
Glad.Ravens	5	4	2	17	10	14
Queens Park	4	4	4	16	20	12
Baulkham Hills	5	1	7	23	26	11
Lethbridge	4	2	5	19	15	10
Glad. Hornsby	3	2	7	12	20	8
Dee Why	3	2	7	6	15	8
Marrickville	—	1	11	6	34	1

GRADE 2

Glad.Ravens	9	2	—	29	5	20
Campbelltown	8	3	1	26	10	19
Guildford	6	5	2	39	15	17
Lethbridge	7	3	1	29	13	17
Baulkham Hills	7	2	4	30	25	16
Glad.Hornsby	5	3	4	18	22	13
Yagoona	4	2	7	23	30	10
Nth.Bankstown	3	3	6	11	17	9
Queens Park	3	—	9	12	27	6
Lane Cove	2	1	8	12	27	5
Marrickville	1	2	9	10	40	4

GRADE 3

Guildford	10	2	1	39	13	22
Nth.Bankstown	10	—	2	42	7	20
Glad.Hornsby	8	2	2	29	13	18
Glad.Ravens	8	—	3	34	11	16
Marrickville	7	1	4	28	18	15
Baulkham Hills	4	5	4	23	18	13
Campbelltown	6	—	6	21	21	12
Lethbridge	5	—	6	11	22	10
Yagoona	3	2	8	10	41	8
Lane Cove	2	1	8	10	32	5
Dee Why	1	1	10	5	21	3
Queens Park	—	2	10	8	45	2

DIVISION 3

GRADE 1

Kingsford	8	1	2	24	16	17
Liverpool	7	3	1	18	21	17
Bondi	6	4	2	23	12	16
Nth. Ryde	6	3	3	21	17	15
Riverstone	6	2	4	20	17	14
Bonnyrigg	6	—	6	21	20	12
Syd. Uni	4	3	5	16	19	11
Wenty	4	2	6	16	21	10
Artarmon	3	3	6	16	17	9
Hurstville	4	1	7	19	21	9
Port Hacking	3	1	8	12	25	7
West Ryde	1	3	6	18	33	5

GRADE 2

Artarmon	9	3	1	37	21	21
Bondi	9	2	1	27	7	20
Kingsford	8	2	2	29	12	18
Liverpool	7	3	1	26	9	17
Nth. Ryde	6	2	4	24	15	14
Port Hacking	5	2	5	21	21	12
Syd. Uni	4	2	7	22	25	10
Riverstone	5	—	7	20	24	10
Bonnyrigg	3	3	6	24	19	9
Wenty	3	3	6	13	21	9
Hurstville	1	1	10	14	49	3
West Ryde	1	1	11	12	47	3

DIVISION 4

GRADE 1

Eastern Creek	8	2	—	22	7	18
Padstow	8	—	3	33	11	16
Eastwood	8	—	4	26	17	16
Paddington	6	4	2	17	14	16
Fairfield Kiev	4	5	1	17	7	13
Ryde Dist.	5	—	6	22	24	10
Canley Heights	4	2	6	19	23	10
West Holroyd	2	3	6	16	30	7
Revesby	1	4	5	11	21	6
Chelsea	2	1	7	5	18	5
Maroubra	1	1	9	13	29	3

GRADE 2

Eastern Creek	9	1	—	26	8	18
Padstow	8	—	3	32	11	16
Eastwood	7	1	4	27	19	15
Paddington	6	4	3	16	16	14
Fairfield Kiev	4	4	2	18	11	12
Ryde Dist.	5	—	6	22	24	10
Canley Heights	4	2	6	19	22	10
West Holroyd	3	3	5	18	29	9
Revesby	2	4	5	17	23	8
Chelsea	2	1	8	7	24	5
Maroubra	1	2	8	15	30	4

DIVISION 5

GRADE 1

Concordia	8	3	2	31	11	19
Fairfield	8	7	—	21	8	19
Winston Hills	6	5	2	28	18	17
Nth. Rocks	6	3	4	27	18	15
Maccabi	5	4	4	25	21	14
West St.George	5	4	4	20	17	14
Macquarie Uni.	5	2	6	24	17	12
Edensor Park	4	4	5	23	23	12
Camden	5	2	6	21	29	12
Pagewood	3	5	5	16	27	11
Haberfield	2	3	8	13	30	7
Auburn	1	2	9	11	42	4

GRADE 2

Winston Hills	11	1	1	46	11	23
West St.George	10	1	2	39	14	21
Fairfield West	9	2	2	30	9	20
Macquarie Uni.	8	3	2	33	21	19
Camden	8	2	3	29	15	18
North Rocks	7	1	5	30	22	15
Maccabi	6	2	5	22	17	14
Concordia	4	—	8	17	30	8
Pagewood	2	2	9	14	45	6
Edensor	2	1	10	21	39	5
Auburn	1	2	10	8	44	4
Haberfield	1	1	11	16	38	3

DIVISION 6

GRADE 1

Hawkesbury	9	3	1	30	7	21
Moorebank	9	2	2	35	16	20
Glenquarrie	8	2	3	32	12	18
Chullora	6	3	3	31	15	15
Blacktown Wan.	7	1	4	27	20	15
Liverpool City	5	3	4	17	11	13
Liverpool Utd.	5	3	5	21	21	13
Green Valley	5	2	5	19	15	12
Liverpool Rang.	4	4	5	15	20	12
Bankstown	2	2	9	13	46	6
Mt.Pritchard	1	2	10	12	33	4
Sth. Sydney	1	1	11	15	51	3

GRADE 2

Moorebank	10	3	—	43	9	23
Liverpool City	9	2	1	39	11	20
Glenquarrie	8	3	2	41	16	19
Hawkesbury	6	2	3	41	10	18
Blacktown Wan.	5	5	2	16	20	15
Green Valley	6	2	4	25	16	14
Chullora	5	2	5	32	16	12
Liverpool Utd.	3	4	6	20	27	10
Liverpool Rang.	3	2	8	16	17	8
Mt.Pritchard	4	—	9	18	36	8
Bankstown	2	1	10	17	62	5
Sth. Sydney	—	—	13	7	78	—

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NSW STATE LEAGUE

Melita will need instant revival

— By Paul James —

Two of last week's surprise winners meet this Sunday in what could be an interesting clash.

Auburn's win over Melita not only upset Melita's title aspirations, but also made the task of Avala making the top four all that harder.

Monaro, with a 6-2 thrashing of Arncliffe, should be more confident this week and could pose the Auburn side some problems.

Even so, we tip Auburn to take both points in a 2-1 win.

The injury-ridden Olympic meet Arncliffe at Hurstville Oval in another important match.

Olympic can't afford to let any points slip from their grasp, while Arncliffe should be wary that teams like Monaro, North Sydney and Sutherland don't suddenly leapfrog over them and leave the Scots closer to the bottom than the top.

We see a draw as the result in this match, 1-1.

Avala's chances of making the top four weren't made any easier by Auburn's win last week and now the gap between them is three points.

Ku-ring-gai's performance against Olympic had its faults, but their general play suggests that the ground work is there for a few more points.

We tip another minor upset with Ku-ring-gai taking a point from Avala in a 1-1 draw.

Sutherland's revival seems well underway, and although they failed to score last week, they had enough chances to worry the highly placed Canterbury.

North Sydney will be a difficult opponent this week, as they have consistently caused major upsets against 'in form sides'.

If Sutherland's attack can put away the chances the midfield is now creating, then we see a Sutherland victory 3-1.

Canterbury will be keen to take two points from Croatia and almost certainly wipe out any chance the premiers have of making the top four this year.

On the other hand, a win by Croatia would still make their task of reaching the semi-finals a mammoth one.

Last week's loss to Bankstown showed they are still not consistent enough and **this should enable Canterbury to take both points in a 2-0 win.**

Bankstown's win over Croatia should give them confidence to go after more points, and although Manly will be fighting for their lives, we feel the 'Town could get two points in this encounter.

Manly had the chances to beat Parramatta, but were unable to keep their game together right till the end.

Bankstown, lying comfortably in the middle of the table should at last have the pressure off and settle down to play some entertaining soccer.

We predict a Bankstown win 2-0.

Melita coach Atti Abonyi can be expected to have fired his players up for this clash against Parramatta.

These games are notoriously hard, with Parramatta amazingly having the better record in recent years.

If Melita drop a point here they can almost certainly kiss the title goodbye, for Olympic have a game in hand.

But despite Parramatta's improvement in the last two weeks, we tip Melita to get the win they so desperately want.

We tip Melita 1-0.

AVALA v NORTH SYDNEY 1-0(1-0)

The match was all but ruined by the near gale force wind which swept across Knight Park almost without pause during the 90 minutes.

As a result, control of the ball was made almost impossible, and if the somewhat controversial penalty had not been given it is doubtful whether either side could have scored.

In the first period Avala dominated, but they were unable to counter both the wind and North Sydney's well marshalled defence.

In the second half Norths came back into the game, but they too lacked punch up front and it was Czolnowski's penalty which settled the issue.

The penalty arose when just before halftime Nitya worked his way into the penalty area.

Just when it seemed he was about to shoot a Norths defender slid in and took the ball and Nitya.

Referee Peter Rampley had no hesitation in awarding the spot kick and it proved to be the only goal in an otherwise uneventful game.

AVALA: Ahrens 5, Bateman 3, Barton 3, Deller 4, Pilovski 3, Kodor 4 (Djurisic 58m), Nitya 5, Czolnowski 3, Rnjak 3 (Rodic 64m), Till 3, Karanfilovski 3.

NORTH SYDNEY: Tilsed 3, Walker 3, O'Rourke 3, J. Bottalico 4, Matthieson 4, Porter 2, Leyden 5, Dale 2, Youssef 2 (Delaney 55m replaced by Mitchell 65m), A. Bottalico 3, Wilson 3.

Goal: 1-0 Czolnowski (pen. 45m).
Referee: P. Rampley; **crowd:** 317.
— V. Green

MANLY v PARRAMATTA 2-3(2-1)

Parramatta just about deserved this win as they were able to get their game together towards the end of the match and keep pressing Manly.

Till then neither side was able to link attack and defence leaving a huge gap in midfield.

Swirling wind made conditions difficult and played some part in three of the five goals.

Manly went in front early when Firrell forced his way through the defence and slipped the ball under Donovan.

Wilson put Parramatta back on level terms when he misjudged a cross and headed into his own goal.

Again the wind caused a goal when Donovan misjudged a floating cross, pushing it onto the head of Nawalu who easily nodded the ball home.

The second period was tame until Forwood and Roden took command and filled the midfield for Parramatta.

It was their combination which gave Roden the chance to send a 20-metre drive in for the equaliser.

The winner came when a corner hung in the wind, eluding the defence, but not the outstretched foot of City striker Mitchell who poked the ball in.

MANLY: Dower 3, Wilson 2, Doyle 3, Emery 3, Hardaker 2, Stuart 3, Jack 2, Fox 3, Firrell 3 (Dick 73m), Vale 3, Nawalu 2.

PARRAMATTA: Donovan 3, McKenzie 2, Bigland 4, Lackey 3, Bates 2, Forwood 4, Brizuela 2, Roden 3, Mitchell 4, Stephenson 3, Hearne 2 (Strickland 75m).

Goals: 1-0 Firrell (6m), 1-1 Wilson (o.g. 27m), 2-1 Nawalu (35m), 2-2 Roden (71m), 2-3 Mitchell (80m).

Referee: N. Condron; **crowd:** 135; **caution:** Emery.
— A. Henderson

MELITA v AUBURN 0-3(0-0)

Melita were unceremoniously knocked off the top of the table by an Auburn side which adapted to the blustery conditions much quicker than Melita.

In the second period Auburn capitalized on the wind to launch a series of deadly raids on Melita's goal.

That, coupled with a fine game from Hector Martinez, was enough to sink the Eagles.

Martinez broke the halftime deadlock in the 73rd minute when he showed power and speed to surge past two defenders and hammer a 10-metre drive past Terry Greedy.

The Melita defence showed uncharacteristic confusion and allowed Martinez to grab a second with a 15-metre drive before McCrannor wrapped the game up with a third, late goal.

MELITA: Greedy, Berry 3, Mikas 4, Cabon 3, McDonald 4, B. Parke 3, W. Parker 3, Allan 4, Stoddart 3, T. Jones (Williams 15m, 2) Juchniewicz 3.

AUBURN: Gisbourne 3, McCoy 3, Fairclough 4, Dobson 4, McMillan 3, McDonald 5, Quigley 3, McCulloch 5, Ross 4, McCrannor 4, Dawson 3 (Martinez 68m).

Goals: 0-1 Martinez (73m), 0-2 Martinez (81m), 0-3 McCrannor (86m).
Referee: R. Lorenc; **crowd:** 1,439; **caution:** McCrannor.
— M. Renwick

SUTHERLAND v CANTERBURY 0-0

Sutherland failed to reproduce their good form of the week before and as a result had only themselves to blame for failing to capture both points.

There were scoring chances galore for both sides, although Sutherland's were the more inviting.

The game opened shakily for the Sharks when Haynes made a mistake after barely a minute, but luckily Thamnides' shot whizzed wide from six metres.

In the ninth minute McPherson was called into action when he saved a fierce Dal Forno shot — but only at the second attempt.

Thamnides was Canterbury's most dangerous striker and though his weaving runs caused problems, he inevitably lost the ball when he was not backed up.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes 4, Holman (Rogers 87m), R. Schumannm 4, Walkins 4, Hesford 4, K. Schumann 3, Meades 2, Harrington 2, Bush 3, Dal Forno 3, Connor 3 (Wilson 75m).

CANTERBURY: McPherson 4, Sheldrick 4, Laws 3 (Palmer 84m), Penman 3, G. Brown 4, Bozganos 3 (Ramiach 65m), Williams 4, Basterfield 2, Hall 3, Byles 4, Thamnides 3.

Referee: W. Phelps; **crowd:** 861; **caution:** Hesford.
— G. Streeter

CROATIA v BANKSTOWN 0-1(0-1)

Bankstown lived up to their giant killing reputation by knocking off the premiers at their own home ground.

Bankstown always looked the more enthusiastic side, with Croatia seemingly content to watch Bankstown build up their moves without intervening.

At the same time, whenever Croatia had the chance to break out, they invariably left the attack to the man in possession, showing a strange lack of team spirit.

The Croatia defence failed to tackle effectively, and this led to the winning goal.

In the 33rd minute Mark Davis was as surprised as anyone to see the Croatia defence open up in front of him to give a clear passage on goal.

The striker took his chance and drove the ball past Watson from 15 metres.

Watson had a superb game for Croatia, and had it not been for his efforts the premiers could easily have gone down by four or five goals.

For Bankstown Greg Lynch was agin the king-pin, holding the defence together and launching attacks from deep in Bankstown's half.

CROATIA: Watson 5, A. Kovacic 3, Vidaic 4, Rezzo 3, Grulicic 3, Culina 3, Coleman 5, Savor 4, Dudaric 3, Kafka 4, Sullivan.

BANKSTOWN: Lachowicz 5, Thomson 3, Rea 3, Beater 3, Lynch 5, Peck 2, Williams 3, King 3 (Tansley 80m), Lembryk 4, Daley 3, Davis 4.

Goal: 0-1 Davis (33m).
Referee: G. Warne; **crowd:** 3,412.
— E. Morrison

MANLY FUN

Manly Warringah Soccer Association will stage a big carnival on Saturday to commemorate Australian soccer,s centenary.

Some 27 clubs involving 600 juniors till take part.

The procession of 36 floats will start at Little Manly Beach and go through Brookvale Oval to Cromer Park for a "fun carnival."

All junior matches will be played on Sunday.

OLYMPIC v KU-RING-GAI 1-0(1-0)

A 38th minute goal from Houssein Housseini was enough to give Olympic a hard fought but far from impressive win over the lowly Ku-ring-gai.

The goal came when Housseini broke through on the left and gave Taylor no chance with a 12-metre drive.

Olympic were fortunate to have Gary Meier and Greg Ankudinoff back in the side and they both played a major part in the team's win.

Housseini was the best player on the field and shone both in his creativity and workrate.

Olympic wasted several chances in both halves, while early in the second half Ku-ring-gai pushed forward, but their attack was unable to finish off the moves.

In the last 20 minutes Olympic took over but Ku-ring-gai fought like tigers to keep the score to a respectable 1-0.

Ku-ring-gai were beaten and deservedly so, but their general play was better than could be expected from a team only three points off the bottom.

OLYMPIC: Meier 4, Morris 3, Ankudinoff 4, Wilson 3, Rowden 4, Cross 4, Laing 3, Smith 3, Housseini 5, Scott 3, Zeros 3.

KU-RING-GAI: Taylor 5, Williams 3, Geekie 4, Robertson 3, Martin 3, Wheatley 4, Hamilton 3, Lavin 3, McGill 3, Herron 3, Smith 3.

Goals: 1-0 Housseini (38m).
Referee: T. Davies; **crowd:** 2,150.
— E. De Mesquita

MONARO v ARNCLIFFE 6-2(2-1)

Monaro celebrated their return to Marco Polo Oval with a sensational win over the highly fancied Arncliffe.

In almost freezing conditions the Queanbeyanites played for a good 15 minutes in the first half with 10 men as Bobby Noble lay on the sideline receiving treatment for a bad injury.

Things looked bleak for Monaro when after 24 minutes Montgomery put the Scots 1-0 up.

Arncliffe were playing all over the locals at that stage, and with only 10 men on the field it seemed inevitable that they would forge further ahead.

Amazingly Monaro hit back and scored twice in two minutes to lead 2-1 at the break.

Then another scoring spree, with three goals in seven minutes destroyed Arncliffe.

Link's hat trick was superbly taken, though Heywood's late goal was perhaps the best of the afternoon, following a dazzling run, topped off with a 25-metre rocket.

MONARO: Antonopoulos 4, Crawford 4, Charles 4, Noble 3 (Talevski 50m), Santolin 4, Falzon 3, Pangalos 3, Valeri 3, Link 5, Heywood 5, Trajanoski 4.

ARNCLIFFE: Marsden 2, Ramisch 2, Wignall 3, Oldham 3, Ainslie 4, Lee 2, Doyle 4, Bulloch 3, Montgomery 3, Leak 4 (Blackburn 63m), Tracey 3.

Goals: 0-1 Montgomery (24m), 1-1 Link (40m), 2-1 Noble (41m), 3-1 Link (56m), 4-1 Talevski (60m), 5-1 Link (62m), 5-2 Tracey (71m), 6-2 Heywood (88m).

Referee: P. Murphy; **crowd:** 313.
— W. Bourke

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AUBURN	V	INTER MONARO	SUN., MONA PARK
ARNCLIFFE	V	SYD.OLYMPIC	SUN., HURSTVILLE OV.
KURINGAI	V	AVALA	SUN., PARKLANDS OV.
NTH.SYD. INT.	V	SUTHERLAND	SUN., PRATTEN PARK
CANT.M'VILLE	V	CROATIA SYD.	SUN., ARLINGTON OV.
BANKSTOWN	V	MANLY WARR.	SUN., SOCCER CENTRE
MELITA EAG.	V	PARRAMATTA	SUN., GARSIDE PARK
Bathurst	v	Revesby Work.	Sat., Bathurst Show Gr.
Warringah	v	Polonia	Sun , Narrabeen
Marconi	v	Penrith	Sat., Marconi Oval
St.George	v	Sydney City	Sat., St.Geo.Stad.
Belmore	v	Blacktown City	Sat., Blick Oval
Blacktown Utd.	v	Leichhardt	Sun., Francis Park
Wollongong	v	Uni of NSW	Sun., Berkeley Sports

NEXT WEEK

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INT.MONARO	V	SUTHERLAND	SUN., MARCO POLO OV
SYD.OLYMPIC	V	AVALA	SUN., PRATTEN PARK
AUBURN	V	CROATIA SYD.	SUN., MONA PARK
ARNCLIFFE	V	MANLY WARR.	SUN., HURSTVILLE OV.
KURINGAI	V	PARRAMATTA	SUN., PARKLANDS OV.
NTH.SYD. INT.	V	BANKSTOWN	SAT., NTH.SYD.OVAL
MELITA EAG.	V	CANT.M'VILLE	SUN., GARSIDE PARK
Revesby Work.	v	Warringah	Sat., Milperra Reserve
Polonia	v	Marconi	Sun., Chopin Park
Penrith Utd.	v	St.George	Sun., Cook Park
Sydney City	v	Belmore	Sun., Syd.Athletic Fld.
Blacktown City	v	Blacktown Utd.	Sun., Gabbie Stadium
Leichhardt	v	Wollongong	Sat., Lambert Park
Yugal	v	Bathurst '75	Sun., Concord Oval
Belmore	v	Polonia	Sat., Blick Oval

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PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

THIS WEEK THAT WAS...

Tom Mihajlovic returned to Yugal from St.George — for the same fee that was paid for him last year.

★ ★ ★

West Adelaide's Gery Chaldi: "It's quite incredible that we can't get a point interstate. And today we could have so easily won, too."

★ ★ ★

Les Scheinflug, Marconi: "In patches we have started to play acceptably, especially when we opened up wide on the flanks. I think I would have got the sack had we lost again."

★ ★ ★

Marconi's Bertie Mariani, who was hankering to join the Saints on a loan, has changed his mind and is again available for selection.

★ ★ ★

The St.George management has instructed coach Raul Blanco not to select again Rudi Gnavi this year because of his undisciplined performances.

★ ★ ★

The Saints, in their Cup match, are likely to drop Doug Utjesenovic and recall Peter Terry, who has recovered from his injury.

★ ★ ★

Roberto Vieri, Marconi: "This is my first caution this year. I was hacked three times but my opponents got away with it. I committed one foul and it's the yellow card..."

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Westad's talented Ian McKie, 18, has been in Australia only five years. Born in Scotland, he spent his junior soccer years in the Wolverhampton area.

★ ★ ★

Two soccer identities in the news: former NSW chief Jim Bayutti has been appointed part-time chairman of the newly established Urban Transit Authority of NSW and ASF president Sir Arthur George has been named as one of the two directors of Rosewood Investments whose plan to build a high-rise development on the Kings Cross was finally approved, after a stormy meeting, by the Sydney City Council.

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TOP SCORERS

COLE (Heidelberg)	18
BODEN (Sydney City)	9
JANKOVICS (Marconi)	9
BARNES (Sydney City)	8
DUARTE (St.George)	8
KRNCEVIC (Marconi)	8
J. NYSKOHUS (Adel.City)	8
GIAMPAOLO (Canberra)	7

Dennis Duarte

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

Beograd W'vl	v Spearw'd Dal.	Hindmarsh Stad.	7.30

SATURDAY, JULY 5

Newcastle KB	v Marconi-F'fld	Int.Sports Centre	2.30

SUNDAY, JULY 6

Mt. Gravatt	v Brisb.Lions	Perry Park	3.00
Leichhardt	v Sydney City	Lambert Park	3.00
Blacktown	v St.George	Gabbie Stadium	3.00
PSL MATCH			
Heidelberg	v Sth.Melb.	Olympic Park	3.00

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 12

Newcastle KB	v Blacktown C.	Int.Sports Centre	2.30
Heidelberg	v Sydney City	Olympic Park	7.30

SUNDAY, JULY 13

Sth.Melb.	v West Adel.	Middle Park	3.00
Marconi-F'fld	v Leichhardt	Marconi Stadium	3.00
St.George	v Brisbane City	Barton Stadium	3.00
Adelaide City	v Canberra City	Olympic Spts.Fld.	2.30
Brisb.Lions	v Footscray	Lions Stadium	3.00

This star wants to shine again

John Kosmina

In 1977 he appeared on the scene as a flashing comet; now he is a forgotten, fading star. Or is he? West Adelaide's John Kosmina, only 23, is young enough and talented enough to bounce back into the Socceroo team and fulfil all his early promises. His stint with Arsenal matured him; today he is no longer the restless youngster relying on his intuitive skill but a serious young man determined to make soccer his career.

SW: Was the spell with Arsenal worth it?

JK: I think so. When I arrived, I felt overawed — and also unfit. But gradually I found my feet, played in a few matches and, when Alan Sunderland got injured, got into the side for the UEFA match against Hajduk in Split. But there I suffered an ankle injury myself.

SW: And after that?

JK: Unfortunately it dragged on for months, my foot was in plaster for weeks, I went to doctors and hospitals, had cures and injections. Then, amazingly when I came back to Adelaide, a man here fixed it up in 20 minutes.

SW: Did you like it in England?

JK: It was OK — but I couldnt live in England. I just couldn't settle down there, it's not my scene. I was even homesick for Adelaide.

SW: Did you feel the gap too wide between the other Arsenal players and yourself?

JK: Only in stamina, fitness and speed. Otherwise there isn't one thing they can do that our best boys couldn't. Maybe I would have made the grade there if I hadn't gone to Arsenal but to a smaller club, perhaps in the second division. But I believe a talented young Australian boy, if he is adaptable and keen, can certainly make it in England, too.

SW: You came back in April 1979, after 15 months in England. Was it hard to settle back again?

JK: The injury made it harder at first, then I was playing badly, just couldn't find my form. Even this year I couldn't get going for a long time. It's only in the last few weeks that I started to play acceptably.

SW: You got two minutes in the Socceroos against Northern Ireland; were you happy with that?

JK: I was happy to be recalled — but couldn't do much in two minutes. Gutendorf had told me I'd come on in the second half and I did. At the end. Maybe next time he'll give me more chance. But I have to play better than in recent months.

SW: Do you work?

JK: No, I'm fulltime with West Adelaide, like Bozanic, Topaz and Manecas. We train four nights a week plus some extra with Gerry Chaldi.

SW: Any career plans?

JK: I studied commerce at the university for one year and may take it up again or go into some business eventually.

SW: Your name is Polish?

JK: Yes, my father was born in Poland and my mother is Australian. I can understand only a few phrases in Polish.

SW: Are you tied to Adelaide?

JK: I like living in Adelaide but I'm not tied to it. If a good offer came along, I'd probably move interstate, too. My contract runs out at the end of this year.

SW: West Adelaide's results have been disappointing, why?

JK: Honestly, we are the unluckiest team in the PSL. We just about played Heidelberg off the park. In Canberra we scored three goals yet lost. That 7-0 loss to Sydney City was a nightmare, destroyed our confidence quite a bit. We had one of those terrible days.

SW: Any relegation worries?

JK: Oh no, we're far too good a team for that. And the old rhythm is starting to come back now. We do everything Chaldi wants, there are no problems in the team. The results must come, too.

MATCH POST-MORTEM

By Andrew Dettre

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MARCONI 2(0)
WEST ADELAIDE 1(0)

Goals: 0-1 Manecas (58m), 1-1 Jankovics (60m), 2-1 Byrne (pen, 81m).

MARCONI: Maher 3, **Cant 5**, Muir 4, Prskalo 3, Brogan 3, Henderson 4, Vieri 3, Byrne 3, Krncevic 3, Jankovics 3, Sharne 4. **Coach:** L. Scheinflug.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 5, Forde 3, Norris 3, Topaz 4, Bozanic 4, McKie 4, Carruthers 4, McGregor 4, Honeyman 3, Kosmina 3 (Maricic 46m), Manecas 3. **Coach:** G. Chaldi.

Referee: D. Nugent (Qld.); **crowd:** 3,380; **caution:** Vieri.

Marconi probably just deserved the points — but the match could have very easily gone the other way, too, having hung in the balance until near the end.

The first 30 minutes was all Marconi, rushing forward with elan but not a great deal of circumspect, aided by a strong wind.

Three times in that period they could have gone ahead but twice they missed and once Crook saved a mean freekick from Vieri.

Crook, having recovered from his knee injury, made two more magic saves in the 46th and 50th minutes, both from pointblank Jankovics headers.

Then, out of the blue, Westad jumped into the lead. McGregor brought up the ball, Prskalo failed to tackle; the ball was pushed into a funnel for Manecas on Muir's blind side and the dark Angolan, running to the right, pulled back a great shot to the left corner from a pretty "hopeless" position.

Two minutes later Marconi, stung by this reverse, made it 1-1. Vieri curled a cross in from the left and Jankovics, dashing into the goalmouth, swept it home literally with his shin.

Twice the visitors went within a whisker of snatching victory but in the critical moments their nerves let them down.

In the 64th minute Manecas could have attemtped a close shot in the box but preferred a fancy backheel and the chance was lost.

Twelve minutes later Honeyman received a glancing header from Manecas but, from some four metres, tried to lob Maher instead of simply slamming the ball in.

For these indiscretions some penalty seemed in order and it was duly meted out.

In the 81st minute, after a hectic interplay near the Westad goal, a low shot of Krncevic was on its way to target and young McKie stopped it with his hands; Gary Byrne, as usual, converted the undisputed penalty.

Marconi may be helped out of their stupor by this win though they are still not playing their customary fluid football.

— A. Dettre

2

BRISBANE CITY 1(0)
BRISBANE LIONS 1(0)

Goals: 1-0 Kelso (67m), 1-1 Ontong (86m).

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 5, Perry 3, Ratcliffe 3, Potter 3, Wilkinson 3, Gaffney 3, Pimblett 4, Hamilton 4, Connor 2 (Caldwell 82m), Kelso 4 (Brusasco 86m), McCluskey 3. **Coach:** G. Potter.

BRISBANE LIONS: Scanlan 3, Wilson 3, **Bennett 5**, Hermiston 3, Niven 3, Hogg 3, Lindsay 3 (Ogden 68m), Verweij 3 (McNaughton 82m), Ontong 3, Millman 4, McGregor 3. **Coach:** M. Carson.

Referee: T. Boskovic (NSW); **crowd:** 3,372; **caution:** Ontong.

This game gave the crowd the chance to compare two completely different styles of soccer.

Lions burned the grass on Perry Park as they constantly pressured the City players who were attempting to play a more studied game.

Lions' power and pace were fearsome and they should have taken a substantial lead in the first half but non-stop Millman squandered two gilt edged chances and also found Wishart in great form when he finally hooked a vicious drive on target.

Ontong also had a golden opportunity but hesitated at the vital moment.

At the other end Scanlon competently handled a long range Kelso drive and young Wilson's excellent cover work allowed Bennett to chime in with his attack.

The second half started off with Ontong, Wilson and Millman all bringing out excellent saves from Wishart but the big 'keeper should have been beaten when Millman burst through only to blast the ball high over the bar when only a touch was needed.

This miss ended Lions' domination of the game and City, prompted by Hamilton, Pimblett and Potter began to put some nice football together.

Pimblett set Connor off down the right and a flash of the old magic saw a wicket cross drop on to a blinded Scanlon who fumbled the ball.

Kelso made no mistake from close range. Lions' set up some frenzied counter-attacks but by now City were looking very composed and should have gone further ahead but again finishing was bad.

Villain turned hero when Millman chased a "hopeless ball", caught it on the line, and hooked a cross into the goalmouth where it cannoned off two defenders before Ontong got the important touch to square the game.

Now the argument can continue: did City gain a valuable point — or did they, in fact, lose a very precious one?

— Jim Binnie

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ST.GEORGE 0
SYDNEY CITY 2(0)

Goals: 0-1 Watson (70m), 0-2 Stevenson (84m).

ST.GEORGE: Fraser 3, Ujesenovic 3, Russell 3, McIntosh 4, Skeen 4, Gnavi (Katholas 2, 21m), Stone 4, Hadley 2, Griffiths 3, Campbell 2, Duarte 3. **Coach:** R. Blanco.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 3, Mullen 2 (Souness 52m), Spanos 3, O'Connor 3, Bruce 3, **Stevenson 5, Watson 5**, Barnes 2, Boden 3, Trenter 2, Silva 3. **Coach:** E. Thomson.

Referee: D. Rennie; **crowd:** 2,118; **cautions:** Gnavi, Souness, Mullen.

Sydney City looked far from impressive even though they did nearly all the attacking.

If Watson and Stevenson had not played City would have looked an ordinary, workmanlike side.

Whenever Stevenson burst forward City looked dangerous. Watson's jinking runs, holding the ball and drawing defenders also posed a threat which young Skeen did well to blot out till the 70th minute.

But for City to take so long to score against a non-descript St.George is almost a damning statement.

I say almost, because they did what nearly every championship winning side must do: win, even when they play badly.

But they almost failed: in the 46th minute Mullen committed the most cynical foul seen this year when he strained every inch just to trip Griffiths outside the penalty area.

Saints' midfield, in fact nearly all their attacking ideas, revolved around Peter Stone who outshone a disappointing Murray Barnes.

In the first period City had several thrusts on the St.George goal, mainly with weak headers.

Twice Barnes failed when a goal seemed certain, while Trenter was so effectively challenged by McIntosh that he rarely got power or direction to his attempts.

In the second period a fine, curling cross from Bruce was met by Boden but the striker amazingly headed over from six metres.

Eight minutes later the first goal came when Watson swung at the ball just inside the penalty area and sent a cross-cum-shot over Fraser.

The ball visibly dipped in the strong wind and could be put down to luck — but it was a goal that was long coming.

City raised their tempo briefly and in the 84th minute the two City geniuses Watson and Stevenson combined to score a truly magnificent goal.

On the left side of St.George's defence Stevenson twice played fine double passes with Watson, both times receiving the ball back exactly where he wanted it before breaking into the penalty area and sending the ball under the advancing Fraser.

—Paul James

4

FOOTSCRAY 0
CANBERRA CITY 1(1)

Goal: Byrne (25m).

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 3, Petrov 3, Kriaris 4, **Kondarios 5, Kyriakouleas 5**, Rujevic 4, **Belic 5**, (Cozella 80m), Ilioski 4, Picioane 4, Vasic 3, Lujic 3. **Coach:** R. Ille.

CANBERRA: Wilson 4, Moulis 4 **Stark 5**, Milovanovic 4, R. O'Shea 4, J. O'Shea 4, **Farrell 5**, Cole 3, Giampaolo 3 (McLaren 77m), **Brennan 5, Byrne 5. Coach:** J. Brown.

Referee: T. Beazleight (Vic.); **crowd:** 750.

Trouble continues to rock Footscray. The club transfer-listed Peter Ollerton in midweek and fined four players for various misdemeanours in the previous week's defeat against Adelaide City.

Jim O'Reilly was one of those four and he too was added to the transfer list at his own request on Thursday.

Considering all this commotion, the side put up a reasonable performance and although it never really looked like getting any change out of the match, the signs are that the worst is over for the club.

Certainly Joe Picioane had a much improved game and was one of the best movers in a second half where Footscray pinned Canberra back for long periods.

The cold and rain made certain that the crowd would be a small one and the match itself was marred by the strong blustery conditions.

Canberra won't be complaining, however, because their goal came as a direct result of the rain.

A puddle of water slowed down a long hard hit through-ball by Tony Brennan which Terry Byrne would otherwise never have had a chance of running onto.

Footscray 'keeper Dennis Boland committed himself before the ball hit the water and Byrne was able to slip it past him from outside the area into an empty net.

Roy Stark made sure the same thing wouldn't happen to Canberra brushing away the water from the puddle at the start of the second half much to the displeasure of the Footscray supporters.

Stark and Isaac Farrell, reinstated in the side since John Brown took over, have revelled at their recall and were the visitors' best players.

Farrell dominated the middle of the park in the first half, while Stark stood out in a good defensive performance by the back four in the second half.

Footscray's front running duo Zdravko Lujic and Dragan Vasic made little headway although Vasic had a goal disallowed for offside.

Canberra were dangerous on the break and only good recovery by Kyri Kyriakouleas and Jim Kriaris prevented Tony Brennan from adding to the score.

— Peter Desira

CUP IS ONLY HALF FULL...

This week's Philips Cup has been more than decimated: three of the eight second round matches had to be postponed.

It seems that the Victorian Federation prefers to stage its own washed-out matches rather than fall in line with the Australia-wide Cup schedule.

The Canberra v Preston, Adelaide City v Green Gully and the South Melbourne v Heidelberg cup ties have been called off.

But, curiously, the two Victorian PSL teams will play — in reverse order — their own postponed, deferred or washed-out PSL games.

What of the surviving ties?

On Wednesday Beograd Woodville will play the Perth team Spearwood at Hindmarsh and the visitors may cause yet another upset.

Newcastle will meet Marconi on Saturday in what could be a tense, exciting tussle.

Neither team is in top form and both are desperate to do well in case they miss out on the PSL plums.

Marconi look a shade stronger though some of their key players, mainly Krncevic and Vieri, are in a slump.

On Sunday three more games will be played.

Mt. Gravatt, the Queensland State team, will challenge Lions at Perry Park but is unlikely to progress further in the Cup.

At Lambert Park, Leichhardt will have an uphill battle against Sydney City.

Dave McIntosh (left) clearing from Sydney City's Joe Watson in Sunday's game.

The main problem of Leichhardt is their chronic goal shyness; Sydney City on the other hand are playing with confidence.

At Gabbie Stadium, Blacktown will seek revenge for their recent 4-1 drubbing by St.George.

Our tips: Spearwood, Marconi, Lions, Sydney City and Blacktown to go through to the quarterfinals.

Black magic leaves gap

Adelaide City will this week start the long, hard haul of learning to play and win without Justin Fashanu.

City manager Rale Rasic said on the eve of Fashanu's final Adelaide game last Sunday that the English Under-21 international has been the best of the short-term guest players since the Philips League began in 1977.

Few would argue with that assessment, because "Fabulous Fash" has really been a winner both on and off the field for City.

His only blemish was a substandard performance against Sydney City in his opening game, but that was a forgivable lapse since he was thrust into the fray after virtually just stepping off the plane from China.

Since then Fashanu has scored three goals in his last four matches and lifted City into third place on the PSL ladder.

On Sunday he again proved his worth by steering City to a 6-0 win over a State League select at Olympic Sports Field.

Fashanu's magical ball skills, deft touches and precision passes fittingly provided the highlights of the match staged to herald the end of his guest stint with City.

In a fairytale start, Fashanu scored the first goal of the game after only three minutes and he was directly involved in three of the other goals.

His artistry was in evidence just two minutes after his initial success when he swung a perfect right wing cross into the centre of the goalmouth where Johnny Perin powered home a magnificent first-time volley.

Two more classic goals from Sergio Melta gave City a 4-0 lead after only 26 minutes and they romped home with second half goals from substitutes Brian Northcote and David Mitchell.

— Allan Crisp

PSL '80 RESULT GRID

	Marconi	Heidelberg	Sydney City	Brisbane City	Adelaide City	Newcastle	West Adel.	Leichhardt	Brisb.Lions	Footscray	St.George	Canberra	Sth.Melb.	Blacktown
Marconi	★	1-1		4-0			2-1		2-1	2-2	0-0			9-0
Heidelberg		★		3-1		4-0	4-2			3-2	4-2			5-1
Sydney City	2-1	1-1	★		2-1	2-0	7-0	4-2				0-2	2-1	
Brisbane City	2-1		1-0	★	1-2	1-2		1-0	1-1	1-1	0-1		0-1	
Adelaide City	0-1	1-0		0-0	★		1-0	2-0	0-0	4-1				3-2
Newcastle	0-1		0-3		3-1	★	2-0	1-0	0-0			0-4		
West Adel.		1-0		1-0		1-1	★		1-1	0-2	1-0			4-2
Leichhardt	2-2	0-5			2-1	1-0	2-0	★			1-2	2-1		0-0
Brisb.Lions			2-0				2-1	2-1	★		0-0	1-2	1-0	
Footscray			1-2	1-1	1-3	2-1			3-1	★	5-3	0-1	3-0	
St.George			0-2		1-4	0-3		1-0	2-3		★	1-5	0-3	4-1
Canberra	0-1	0-1		1-1	1-0		4-3		2-4	0-0	4-1	★		0-1
Sth.Melb.	3-1	0-0	1-2		2-1			1-0	2-2			1-0	★	
Blacktown	5-1	1-2	1-3	3-1		1-1				3-0	4-2		0-3	★

FANS WANT YOUNG TEAM

ASF POLICY MAY BENEFIT

We know that countries don't select their teams in popular polls.

We also know that Rudi Gutendorf alone has the responsibility for the success or failure of the Socceroos.

But we feel that he should pay some attention to the opinions expressed by some of the public — his public.

Judging from the letters we have received in the past fortnight, the majority of fans want a Socceroo team which is

- **Australian;**
- **young.**

Clearly, they would prefer to undergo the traumas of some early defeats rather than plodding on with what many of them call "old migrants."

The several team choices and recommendations make fascinating reading; some of the comments are very much to the point.

We offer this bouquet to ASF president Sir Arthur George and to Rudi Gutendorf with the very best intentions and without adding our own comments.

Let's hope this feature will help the ASF in shaping its team policy in the future.

Australia should stop treating opponents as though they are gods, and go out to win. My team:

Crook — Perry, Bennett, Barnes, Tansey — Boden, Rooney, Henderson — Jankovics, Krncevic, Sharne.

Reserves: Woodhouse, Bozanic, Yzendoorn, Selemidis, Cole, Lujic.

Crook is without question the best goalkeeper in Australia. He does have one fault though, in that he does not play for a Sydney club!

A final word on Jim Muir. He made the dramatic rise from a very average PSL reserve to an international player in just two weeks, without improving as a player, purely by moving to a Sydney club.

That is a disgrace and should never be allowed to occur again. It must make loyal Australian defenders like Col Bennett and David Jones wonder what they have to do for selection. Maybe move to NSW?

M. Cloherty,
Redwood Park, SA.

The team I would choose for the Socceroo matches later this year is as follows:

Woodhouse — Mullen, Bertogna, Christopoulos, Yzendoorn — Selemidis, Davidson — Jankovics, Giampaolo, Krncevic, Sharne.

Reserves: Barnes, Hunter.

I choose Australian youth because I believe in looking forward, not back. Experience is acquired by playing not by sitting on the sidelines watching older men play.

George Varga
Lane Cove, NSW

Rudi Gutendorf has done a great job for soccer in Australia. There are only six words I can use to fault him — Ivo Prskalo, Jimbo Muir and John Coyne.

Aussies Bertogna and Jones are far better value now and in the long term, than the two old imports.

Also ask any supporter in Queensland: no player in the PSL is as mistake ridden as John Coyne.

What do you see in him Rudi? The rest of the team virtually picks itself.

Against Chile I would blood such youngsters as Giampaolo, Hogg, Milovanovic and Hunter.

My current Socceroo team would be:

Banovic — Perry, D. Jones, Bertogna, Tansey — Barnes, Henderson, Boden — Sharne, Cole, Jankovics.

Substitutes: Woodhouse, Yzendoorn, Rooney, Christopoulos, Krncevic.

Brian Young
Redbank, QLD.

Being an Irishman who buys the "Soccer World" weekly, I was most distressed to read that the Victorian State League coach who is so closely connected to the Australian Soccer XI (at the expense of the Australian Soccer Federation) made such derogatory remarks about the British champions, and I quote "that they were no better than an English 3rd Division team and played like it."

This statement, coming from a coach who, in his two years in Sydney with a second division club, could not gain promotion into the first division (even though in one of those years the Philips League was being introduced, whereby the first four teams in each division gained promotion).

Northern Ireland, has a population of three quarters of a million, compared to England's fifty-eight million — surely the figure speaks for itself.

McKendry, being an Englishman, should look into the facts that his own country, England, have not qualified for a World Cup since 1962.

With his attitude, one wonders if the Australian Soccer Federation is employing the right people to promote soccer in this country.

Leo P. Dobbin
(Revesby Workers coach)

The emphasis is on "Australian." The team must have technique speed team unity, and sense of national identity.

My team:

Yakka Banovic — Kevin Mullen, Alan Davidson, John Yzendoorn, Steve Perry — Theo Selemidis, George Christopoulos, Ken Boden — Peter Sharne, Eddie Krncevic, Mark Jankovics.

Chris Dunkerley
Epping, NSW.

When it comes to football, food or femmes, tastes are different, so I expect you'll get all sorts of team selections.

In fact, I won't offer one — merely a principle. The Socceroos have to be a truly Australian team with enough skill, motivation and dash to cope with our Asian rivals.

To have a German coach and a Scottish captain is a dubious start towards this.

G. Brandeis
Bulli, NSW.

My team for the matches against Chile:

Banovic, Perry, Davidson, Yzendoorn, Tansey, Barnes, Selemidis, Boden, Sharne, Krncevic, J. Nyskohus. Substitutes: Woodhouse K. Mullen, Henderson, Cole, Jankovics.

J. Jewell
Gladesville, NSW

This is my team:

Woodhouse — Tansey, Henderson, Christopoulos, Bertogna — Yzendoorn, Johnstone (Barnes), Jankovics — Giampaolo, Krncevic, Sharne. Reserves: Berry, Jones, Selemidis, Boden, Cole.

Obviously the team is young and inexperienced in international competition, but it contains three basic traits of a good football side: tenacity, speed and skill.

The skill and size of the "back four" surely cannot be questioned.

This defence, if developed now, would be far more stable than the current defence involving Prskalo and Muir.

As Ron Greenwood pointed out, the defence is Australia's major problem.

If Craig Johnstone could be persuaded to play for Australia, the midfield, although young, would have the experience and flair required.

Bas Giampaolo requires one element for him to become a regular Socceroo — consistency.

His skill is unquestioned and therefore he could begin quick counter-attacks, or "hold" the ball thereby giving Australia one thing they desperately need — a playmaker.

George Bramis
Belfield, NSW

Here is my team:

Woodhouse — Mullen, Jones, Bennett, Degney — Rooney, Barnes, Yzendoorn — Giampaolo, Krncevic, Sharne.

Any two from these five subs: Marshall, Perry, Davidson, Cole, O'Connor.

Drop Henderson — vastly overrated and frequently loses possession.

Drop Boden — another third-rate Englishman who said before the England match he didn't know where his loyalties lay.

The Socceroos need totally committed players for the Australian cause!

Drop Muir — should be replaced by Bennett or someone younger like Bertogna or Christopoulos who are equally as good if not better.

The only way to get experience is to play!

I like the idea of a Hunter—Giampaolo strike force.

Graham Rowney
Caringbah, NSW

My Socceroo team would be (in 4-3-3):

Woodhouse — Perry, Jones, Bennett, Tansey — Yzendoorn, Barnes, Rooney — Sharne, Cole, Krncevic.

Barnes would be a deep-lying midfielder (between the back-four and the midfield) and Sharne would be on the opposite side to Tansey.

Peter Rowney,
Caringbah, NSW.

While Rudi Gutendorf has done a great deal to improve Australian soccer, his actions have not always been in accord with his expressed thoughts, while some of his statements have been far-fetched.

On the standard of the England team you wisely pointed out that the team we saw was, in fact, their second or third team.

The quality of the Irish team was summed up by leading Victorian coach Len McKendry: "...the worst to come to Australia since Dundee..."

Please continue with your policy of encouraging the selection of Australian produced players in the national team.

I am mystified by some recent incidents. Many players have been given a chance to establish themselves in the national side while some, like David Jones and Peter Tredinnick, have been given an impossible task to prove themselves.

Jones was given only a few minutes against Czechoslovakia; do compare him with Jim Muir. Then Kosmina was given two minutes in Adelaide against the Irish...

Selemidis was taken off against Ireland after only 18 minutes. Gutendorf's reason: "I felt it wouldn't be his day."

Gutendorf has given enormous praise to Christopoulos and Davidson — why doesn't he give them a chance, too?

The most mysterious of all his actions is the continued exclusion of Sebastian Giampaolo.

You seem to have a very high opinion of the player — and so do I and cannot accept Gutendorf's explanation that "he doesn't fit into our style."

John Vitari
Gladesville, NSW.

I have been a keen and regular reader of your informative paper. Your leading articles are unbiased, incisive and down to earth.

Your assessment of the Australia—England game, and the article on the use of imports in the national side really hit the nail on the head.

To think that I was going to make a special trip to Sydney to see the centenary game...

Sitting in the comfort of our lounge room, I waited with baited breath for the historic match to begin...

With the exception of a few "flashes" of soccer that we are used to seeing on the telly, the effort of the England team was below the standard of some second rate, Second Division English teams.

What bad luck that we missed those early chances...

Then, in the second half, when Sharne came on, they did not know what hit them!

Our boys put up a great performance, but we must see it in the proper perspective, otherwise we are inviting trouble, as you have pointed out.

One more thing. I don't think we can afford to be subjected to the childish tantrums and frequent changes of mind of our "beloved leader."

He has to be made to understand that he has to field the strongest side available every time. It is common sense.

There are ways and means of punishing a player without punishing the whole side and the country...

As for using only locals in the national side, we would have to first use locals in the coaching positions, be it at national or upper grades throughout the country.

For as long as imported coaches are in charge of top teams, they will be looking for players who can play their type of game.

As coach of the High Schools and the Coca-Cola Youth team last year, I see plenty of talent about. However, too many of them fall by the wayside, partly because of the reasons given above.

Steve Deheleanu
Morphett Vale, S.A.

I recommend this team for the 1981 World Cup matches:

Woodhouse — Mullen, Henderson, O'Connor, Davidson — Selemidis, Krncevic, Marocchi — Sharne, Kosmina, Giampaolo.

It would have a high ratio of skill, speed, dash, youth and, with the exception of Henderson, an all-local content.

How Gutendorf can overlook such skilled players as Marocchi, Giampaolo and Kosmina baffles me.

His own German team wasn't made great by the Vogts and Schwarzenbecks but by the exquisite skill of a Netzer, Overath and Beckenbauer.

F. van der Vliet
Paddington, NSW.

My team is:

Banovic — Mullen, D. Jones, Barnes, Tansey — Rooney, Henderson, Boden — Sharne, Cole, Tredinnick.

Reserves: Woodhouse, Perry, Davidson, Krncevic, Giampaolo, Bertogna.

If I were coach of Australia I would select more young Australians (14 out of 18).

Prskalo and Muir are slow, old migrants who have no future. (As Ron Greenwood says, you must give your younger boys international experience and I would do so, starting against Chile in August.)

The four non-locals in the team, are in my opinion the four outstanding non-Australians in this country and must be selected.

Nevertheless, Rooney isn't getting any younger and I believe Davidson is his natural successor.

If possible, I would try to obtain Craig Johnstone of Middlesboro' for the World Cup eliminations.

For a 22-man squad I would include Crook, Kosmina or P. O'Connor (depending on form), and two other migrants, the improving Yzendoorn and the forgotten Agenor Muniz, who has the necessary skill to succeed at this level.

M. Wayne
Nth. Bondi, NSW.

Damned if I know how Rudi Gutendorf is "building for the future" with Prskalo, Muir, Rooney, Tansey and others.

I'd field this virile, talented and all-Australian team:

Woodhouse — Perry, D. Jones, Bertogna, Davidson — Barnes, Stone, Selemidis, Krncevic — Sharne, Giampaolo — with reserves coming from Mullen, Steve O'Connor, Kosmina, Jankovics, Hunter, Christopoulos and Milovanovic.

I Stevenson
Adamstown, NSW.

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WORLD NEWS

MENOTTI EXPLAINS HIS SOCCER CREDO

Argentina's national coach, the highly articulate Luis Cesar Menotti, recently visited Europe and there, in a long interview, expressed some fascinating views on soccer.

These are excerpts from that interview, on various subjects.

MARADONA: I first saw him when he was 12, an astonishing ball juggler. I didn't want to use him in the last World Cup because he wasn't even 17 and wasn't ready. In the past two years, his phenomenal development has proved me right. He's today the best player in the world. He's technically complete and creative, full of surprises, able to vary his rhythm and pace. And he's fast.

KEMPES: I hope he returns soon to Argentina from Spain where training methods are incredibly bad, just as catastrophic as in the American clubs. Look what happened to great players there, like Bonhof, Simonsen, Kranki and others. Kempes is a real goal-getter and we could use him in 1982. But not if he spends two more years under those atrocious Spanish conditions.

NATIONAL TEAM: Outside match days, I can call on all national team players for special training and the clubs must release them. But I seldom call the whole team together. I may call one or two players only for a session, sometimes only the defenders, at other times strikers or perhaps a few from both, perhaps just Maradona and Luque. The secret is work and more work. Success depends on a balance between attack and defence.

TACTICS: When we have the ball, everybody becomes a striker, when we lose it, they are all defenders. I have no 'attacking' and 'defensive' midfielders. What the hell are they supposed to mean? And what's this about 4-3-3 or 4-4-2 and 4-5-1? You have to have versatile players who can always create, suddenly, a numerical superiority; that's my system.

DEVELOPMENT: I have seen very little new since 1978. In tactics and conditioning, there are no more secrets. In strength, stamina and speed all major soccer countries have developed further. But in skills there is a lot more room for improvement, there is still a great deal to be done. So, since the 1978 World Cup I have placed more emphasis on the development of technical skills. What's the use of a player who can cover 100 metres in 9 seconds — but can't trap the ball? For a team to reach understanding, it must play and play and play together, because only under match pressure do weaknesses emerge.

TRAINING: We train for 90, sometimes 120 minutes without a break and in that period we try many variations. I want my players not just to run but also to think, to be able to change rhythm and pace. I don't tolerate training where the ball just flies to and fro in the air, as in England. I want the players to act like panthers: he doesn't gallop on his heels but dances, crouches and always keeps his balance before, at the right moment, he strikes.

DEFENSIVE SYSTEM: I am in favor of zone defence, not man-to-man marking. It demands a high degree of intelligence from the players. We split the playing field in 11 areas and for each, a player is responsible. But it doesn't have to be always the same player. An example: when Passarella goes into Maradona's zone, he assumes Maradona's role. In other words, they must all know the roles and responsibilities of the other players.

USA: I was offered a job by Cosmos and some other clubs but I declined. It's impossible to work under those conditions. Twenty people give the club money and 20 will tell the coach what to do. Whoever works for Cosmos must become crazy, simply mad, by the time he gets home in the evening. And I would like to retain my sanity for a while yet.

Argentina's elegant, scintillating Osvaldo Ardiles.

OVERSEAS BRIEFS

• West Germany's great international record continued in Rome. Their post-war results: 1954 and 1974 world champions, 1966 World Cup runners up, 1970 World Cup third, 1972 and 1980 European champions, 1976 European runners-up (on penalties).

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• "We can be proud of our team," comments a columnist in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. "After all, Germany played without its top two goalies, Burdenski and Kargus, Bonhof and Fischer, all of whom had to miss the championship because of injuries. But a truly strong national team must be able to get over such handicaps. And then the English complain about the absence of one man, Trevor Francis..."

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The quickest goal award — a rich prize by Seiko — was won by Czechoslovakia's Antonin Panenka: he scored against Greece after 5m.07sec.

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• Germany's Klaus Allofs was the European Championship top scorer with 3 goals — a hat-trick against Holland.

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• Milan's influential sports daily, La Gazzetta dello Sport, claims that Italy's "Argentinian-team" should be taken apart and rebuilt. This is the new team the newspaper recommends, with ages in brackets: Bordon (29), Gentile (26), G. Baresi (22), Collovati (23), Scirea (27), Oriali (27), Beccalosi (24), Antognoni (26), Graziani (27), Tardelli (25), Altobelli (24).

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West Germany's team was the youngest with an average age of 25.38. The rest: Spain 26.73; Belgium 27, England 27.15, Italy 27.78, Czechoslovakia 27.85, Greece 27.98 and Holland 29.

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• "The Holland-Era is over," writes Amsterdam's De Telegraaf. "The question is now whether our players, coaches and club officials will have the strength to build a new team."

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• "We can defend — but that's not enough in international soccer," comments Prague's Pravda on the Czech team. "We must learn to run, attack and score goals during the whole of the 90 minutes. We must also reach the physical level of the best, such as the Germans and the Belgians."

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• "We have no real wingers in England," laments manager Ron Greenwood. "The League season exhausts our players. The World Cup matches are just around the corner and I'll be forced to use the same squad."

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• Alf Ramsey, former England manager: "Europe's soccer suffers from a general goal shyness. Most coaches now go for safety first."

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• The Italian newspapers blame the stars of Juventus for the national team's poor showing. "It's time to replace these rich veterans," says Rome's Il Messagero.

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• Holland's captain Krol: "Dutch soccer is finished for a good while. The next era belongs to England."

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• Four Dutch journalists were having a quiet dinner in a Naples restaurant, spaghetti and a bottle of chianti when the restaurant was held up and their $250 was gone, too. "A bit expensive for spaghetti," one of them complained.

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• In case they can't get Maradona, Barcelona want Bayern's Kalle Rummenigge and are prepared to pay up to $4.5 million for the blond striker.

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• There were some 2,000 journalists, photographers, radio and TV commentators and technicians at the European Championships.

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• The West German players received a bonus of $15,000 each for winning the European title.

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• Before the start of the series, the Italian team visited the cemetery at Ponderano in Lombardia, to pay their homage to Vittorio Pozzo, legendary manager of the 1934 and 1938 world champion team.

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• Jan Zwartkuis, manager of Holland: "In 1974 we had a grand team, in 1978 a good team and now only a competitive one."

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• Czech stopper Ondrus is likely to sign for AS Roma — though Bayern Munchen are also interested.

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• Spain's manager Ladislao Kubala will also coach at Barcelona — but only the juniors. "I'm not after Senor Herrera's job," he said.

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• Hansi Mueller, the young West German star of Stuttgart: "Perhaps, after the 1982 World Cup, I'll go to Italy for a few years."

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• German manager Jupp Derwall on Bernd Schuster "There is a man who can do anything in soccer."

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• Pablo Porta, president of the Spanish Football Association, has resigned but will remain as head of the 1982 World Cup Organising Committee.

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• Lajos Baroti, 65, former manager of Hungary (1958-1966 and 1976-78) has become the new manager of Portuguese Benfica.

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• The USSR has caused a huge upset by beating Brazil 2-1 in Rio, in front of only 61,000 fans. Brazil were leading 1-0 when Zico missed a penalty.

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• Nigeria will take the place in the Olympic tournament of the withdrawn Egypt.

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